

Fernaig Community Trust
Minutes of Meeting – 14th June 2016
Achmore Hall

Present: Duncan Gibson, Colin MacAndrew, Georgie Grimson and Lizzie Bird

Apologies: Roddy MacPherson, Dave Mockett

1. Minutes of November Meeting Draft minutes still not received from Andy

Minutes of April Meeting – Approved. Proposed by Georgie and seconded by Duncan.

Minutes of May Open Meeting – Approved. Proposed by Colin and seconded by Duncan

2. Finance - update

- a) Georgie reported that small holdings monies were paid during May but a couple were outstanding and she will send out reminders
- b) Georgie reported that there is a change in OSCR submitted accounts as these now need to be 'accrued accounts' which is a change to the Trust's accounting procedure. It was agreed that for this year as Georgie had spoken to the Lochaber Community Accounts Service, that we use their services at a charge of £200.

Actions: Georgie will deal with submission of OSCR accrued accounts.
Georgie will check on status of the office rentals.

3. SDRP Footpaths Application - update

Colin reported that following the open meeting on May 10th he had updated our application document and used the Rural Payments website to complete the Schedule of Works. He had submitted our application and received confirmation of receipt and a reference number from Rural Payments. A decision on the success of the application will probably be notified in January 2017.

4. Office – painting etc.

Colin has a 5 litre 'test pot' and it was agreed to try this out on the gable end of the office.

Action: When the weather permits Colin will call around the board to arrange a date/time to carry out the test painting.

5. Hay Field

The ordered lime was delivered and about 3 weeks later was spread (Murdo from Balmacara). Colin also slashed down the dockens.

6. Tenancy of Field 6

Patty is giving up the field but has paid this year's rent on her lease until March 2017.

Action: It was agreed that nearer that time we will advertise the availability of the field but possibly on a two year lease to coincide with common renewal date on all small holding leases.

7. AOB

- a) Andy Bone provided a list of allotment holders and will put these on a map and circulate to the Board,
Actions: Andy to provide allotment map
Colin will check status of allotment leases and renewal.
- b) Dave Mockett had asked about availability of Trust land to set up a shooting/archery range.
Action: With some reservations expressed, Colin will speak to Dave.
- c) Duncan mentioned that Shona MacLeod prepared to run a dry walling refresher course. He also mentioned that Sanders may be able to help on ploughing some of the vacant allotments.
- d) It was agreed that we need to expand the orchard area a bit more so will look at trees to plant in the autumn.
- e) Re Crisdean and the top field, to which we agreed that he cut a fence as a temporary measure and then replace the fence at a later date, it was noted that he had re-opened the old gate and cut another fence which had not been agreed.
Action: Colin will speak to Crisdean.
- f) Lizzie had received a report from CWA on an update to members' Hydro Scheme projects, which included information on our original proposals.
- g) Georgie mentioned that with the application now submitted for the Footpath scheme perhaps we consider an area for a playpark/picnic area. This would not be part of the Footpath application but something to look at in the future however we would need to access additional funding.
- h) FCS were due to let us have their land management plan in March
Action: Lizzie to chase.

Date of next meeting 12th July, 7.30pm Achmore Hall

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm